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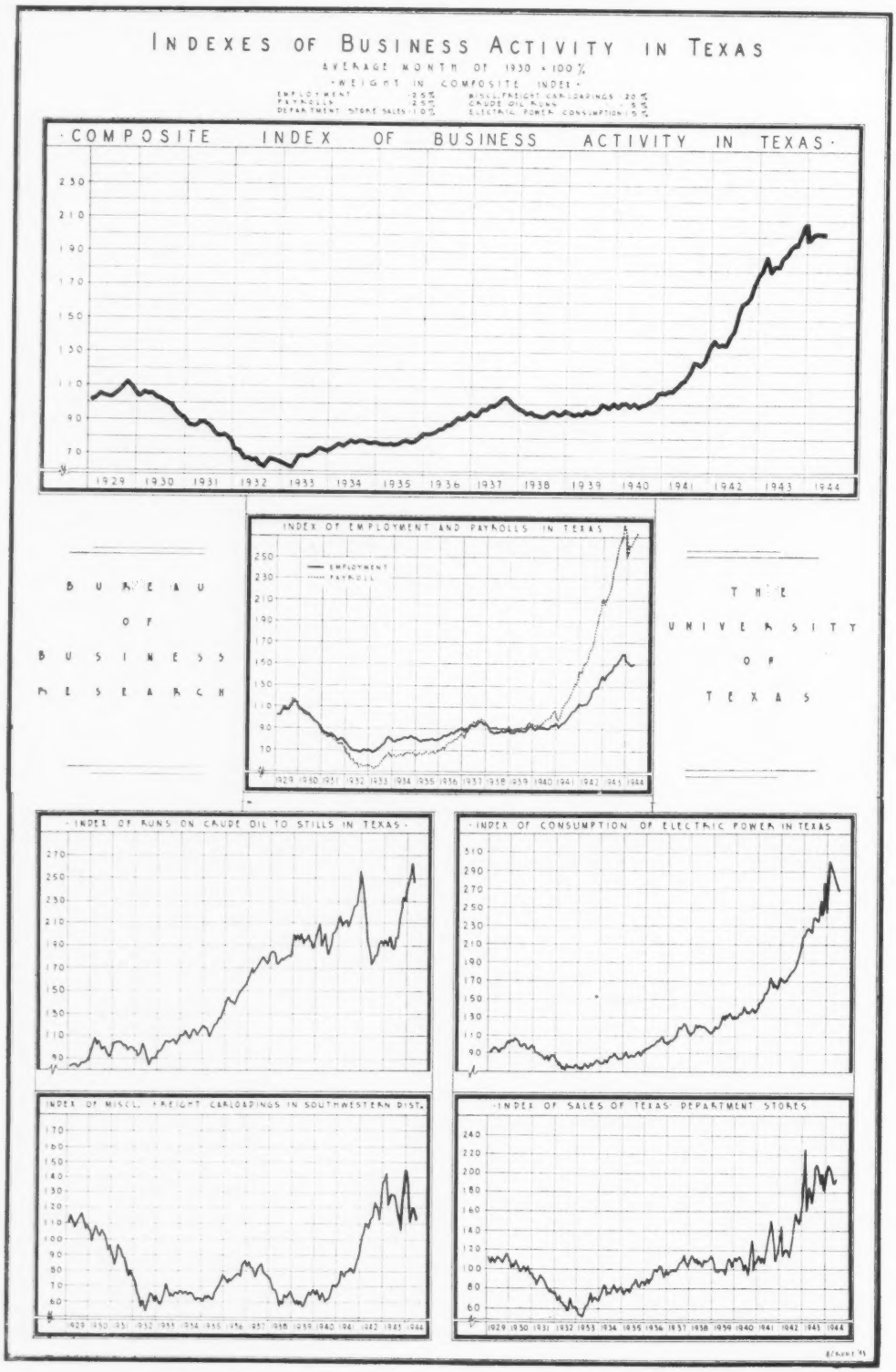
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TEXAS CHARTERS

	July, 1944	July, 1943	June, 1944
Domestic Corporations:			
Capitalization	$ 1,541	$1,671	$1,160
Number	58	66	56
Classification of new corporations:			
Banking-Finance	1	9	1
Manufacturing	8	14	6
Merchandising	20	9	13
Oil	6	3	4
Public Service	4	0	0
Real Estate Building	5	25	4
Transportation	5	0	2
All Others	9	6	26
Number capitalized at less than $5,000	17	26	19
Number capitalized at less than $100,000 or more	5	2	2
Foreign Corporations (Number)	13	14	20

*In thousands.

NOTE: Compiled from records of the Secretary of State.

INDEX OF AGRICULTURAL CASH INCOME IN TEXAS

(Av. Mo. 1928-38=100%)

Districts	July, 1944	June, 1944	July, 1943	Cumulative Cash Income in Thousands of Dollars January-June Inclusive 1944	1943
1-N	542.4	201.5	202.0	76,353	67,792
1-S	373.6	463.6	368.8	40,417	39,855
2	207.6	342.4	182.6	43,966	39,651
3	241.7	351.0	208.5	28,114	21,612
4	196.5	227.4	184.5	64,523	51,894
5	353.7	345.9	494.4	30,173	27,685
6	184.7	230.3	172.7	20,138	28,095
7	304.7	230.8	246.1	42,157	40,330
8	77.4	322.4	159.4	44,721	39,973
9	164.9	259.4	156.7	33,557	30,702
10	43.2	118.0	29.7	17,551	20,776
STATE	255.6	284.1	193.0	520,315	463,527

NOTE: Farm cash income as computed by the Bureau undetstates actual form cash income by from six to ten per cent. This situation results from the fact that means of securing complete local marketings, especially by truck, have not yet been fully developed. In aaddition, means have sot yet been developed for computing cash income from all agricultural specialiities of local importance in scattered areas throughout the State. This situation, however, does not impair the accuracy of the *indexes* to any appreciable extent.

JULY CREDIT RATIOS IN TEXAS DEPARTMENT AND APPAREL STORES

(Expressed in Per Cent)

	Number of Stores Reporting	Ratio of Credit Sales to Net Sales 1944	1943	Ratio of Collections to Outstandings 1944	1943	Ratio of Credit Salaries to Credit Sales 1944	1943
All Stores	61	39.4	46.3	62.2	61.3	1.8	1.5
Stores Grouped by Cities:							
Austin	6	41.1	41.0	70.5	66.8	1.8	1.5
Bryan	3	36.6	40.4	85.6	97.7	1.0	0.9
Corpus Christi	3	36.8	32.1	53.5	79.6	1.8	1.6
Dallas	9	41.3	58.9	59.3	61.9	1.8	1.2
El Paso	3	33.2	34.9	59.1	64.0	2.1	1.7
Fort Worth	4	36.4	43.2	66.7	52.8	2.0	1.5
Houston	7	40.1	44.3	63.8	57.5	2.1	2.1
San Antonio	5	45.4	45.9	63.9	59.2	1.4	1.4
Waco	5	38.1	38.0	60.7	62.7	1.7	1.8
All Others	16	41.8	43.6	67.2	70.8	1.6	1.3
Stores Grouped According to Type of Store:							
Department Stores (Annual Volume Over $500,000)	20	41.2	45.5	65.6	61.4	1.7	1.6
Department Stores (Annual Volume under $500,000)	9	37.5	41.8	60.6	64.1	1.7	1.8
Dry-Goods-Apparel Stores	3	35.9	42.5	66.5	65.3	2.7	2.4
Women's Specialty Shops	16	33.5	51.6	54.9	59.2	2.8	2.0
Men's Clothing Stores	13	37.9	41.3	60.9	65.5	2.1	2.1
Stores Grouped According to Volume of Net Sales During 1944:							
Over $2,500,000	19	40.2	46.3	62.3	63.5	1.8	1.6
$2,500,000 down to $1,000,000	10	33.3	37.8	68.6	65.4	1.8	2.2
$1,000,000 down to $500,000	13	37.0	40.5	65.4	69.3	1.8	2.0
Less than $500,000	19	26.8	27.9	57.4	68.6	4.3	3.6

NOTE: The ratios shown for each year, in the order in which they appear from left to right are obtained by the following computations: (1) Credit Sales divided by Net Sales. (2) Collections during the month divided by the total accounts unpaid on the first of the month. (3) Salaries of the credit department divided by credit sales. The data are reported to the Bureau of Business Research by Texas retail stores.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAY ROLLS IN TEXAS

July, 1944

	Estimated Number of Workers Employed* June, 1944[1]	July, 1944[2]	Percentage Change from June, 1944	from July, 1943	Estimated Amount of Weekly Pay Roll June, 1944[1]	July, 1944[2]	Percentage Change from June, 1944	from July, 1943
MANUFACTURING								
All Manufacturing Industries	169,180	169,999	+ 0.5	+ 2.8	$5,842,675	$6,133,822	+ 5.0	+ 18.9
Food Products								
Baking	10,176	10,551	+ 3.7	+ 32.9	366,956	390,067	+ 6.3	+ 60.0
Carbonated Beverages	3,910	4,204	+ 7.5	+ 4.4	118,155	126,885	+ 7.4	+ 11.3
Confectionery	1,317	1,336	+ 1.4	+ 29.5	17,477	18,242	+ 4.4	+ 54.9
Flour Milling	2,378	2,404	+ 1.1	+ 6.5	78,867	80,906	+ 2.6	+ 27.8
Ice Cream	1,720	1,720	± 0.0	+ 13.2	44,092	44,933	+ 1.9	+ 21.9
Meat Packing	6,674	6,722	+ 0.7	+ 13.8	208,890	213,657	+ 2.3	+ 10.2
Textiles								
Cotton Textile Mills	5,128	5,142	+ 0.3	− 15.4	118,866	116,968	− 1.6	− 8.1
Men's Work Clothing	4,271	4,173	− 2.3	− 12.6	75,143	67,253	− 10.5	− 15.7
Forest Products								
Furniture	1,169	1,123	− 3.9	− 28.7	35,547	30,907	− 13.1	− 14.4
Planing Mills	1,893	1,865	− 1.5	− 11.3	54,680	53,816	− 1.6	+ 2.9
Saw Mills	14,388	14,322	− 0.5	− 7.2	267,064	278,571	+ 4.3	+ 5.8
Paper Boxes	846	867	+ 2.4	− 4.8	20,340	21,804	+ 7.2	+ 19.0
Printing and Publishing								
Commercial Printing	2,449	2,463	+ 0.6	+ 3.1	83,992	81,523	− 2.9	+ 10.3
Newspaper Publishing	3,802	3,753	− 1.3	− 9.7	113,962	110,717	− 2.9	− 4.7
Chemical Products								
Cotton Oil Mills	1,940	1,738	− 10.3	− 18.3	30,606	27,599	− 9.9	− 4.8
Petroleum Refining	25,245	25,245	(5)	+ 12.0	1,425,719	1,488,687	+ 4.4	+ 20.4
Stone and Clay Products								
Brick and Tile	1,555	1,613	+ 3.8	− 1.0	26,941	27,915	+ 3.6	+ 4.0
Cement	751	745	− 0.8	− 35.6	30,043	29,332	− 2.4	− 32.3
Iron and Steel Products								
Structural and Ornamental Iron	2,498	2,421	− 3.1	− 15.1	82,093	79,784	− 2.8	− 0.5
NONMANUFACTURING								
Crude Petroleum Production	27,781	28,156	+ 1.3	+ 10.2	1,461,127	1,539,889	+ 5.4	+ 20.6
Quarrying	(3)	(3)	− 1.1	− 10.7	(3)	(3)	+ 0.5	− 6.1
Public Utilities	(3)	(3)	+ 2.0	+ 3.9	(3)	(3)	+ 1.4	+ 8.4
Retail Trade	206,703	206,862	+ 0.1	− 3.2	5,025,749	5,040,380	+ 0.3	+ 12.3
Wholesale Trade	61,802	63,080	+ 2.1	+ 1.8	2,414,087	2,457,938	+ 1.8	+ 12.5
Dyeing and Cleaning	3,040	2,764	− 9.1	− 5.7	71,452	64,325	− 10.0	+ 4.8
Hotels	19,836	19,557	− 1.4	+ 5.8	354,469	349,120	− 1.5	+ 17.8
Power Laundries	15,235	14,887	− 2.3	+ 3.1	261,419	260,350	− 0.4	+ 11.1

CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT AND PAY ROLLS IN SELECTED CITIES[4]

	Employment Percentage Change June, 1944 to July, 1944	July, 1943 to July, 1944	Pay Rolls Percentage Change June, 1944 to July, 1944	July, 1943 to July, 1944		Employment Percentage Change June, 1944 to July, 1944	July, 1943 to July, 1944	Pay Rolls Percentage Change June, 1944 to July, 1944	July, 1943 to July, 1944
Abilene	+ 4.0	− 1.0	+ 2.3	+ 13.7	Galveston	+ 1.4	+ 12.8	+ 5.4	+ 79.4
Amarillo	+ 5.0	+ 2.0	+ 3.4	+ 4.8	Houston	+ 0.5	− 6.2	+ 1.0	+ 16.1
Austin	+ 11.3	+ 7.9	+ 11.5	+ 4.4	Port Arthur	+ 1.7	+ 6.4	+ 3.7	+ 16.9
Beaumont	+ 0.7	− 2.9	+ 5.8	+ 7.3	San Antonio	+ 0.5	+ 3.2	+ 2.0	+ 9.7
Dallas	− 5.1	+ 34.9	+ 3.6	+ 85.9	Sherman	+ 1.9	+ 10.4	+ 4.7	+ 38.7
El Paso	− 0.3	− 2.1	+ 2.3	+ 17.6	Waco	− 2.0	− 5.5	− 7.2	− 4.3
Fort Worth	− 1.5	− 15.2	+ 0.3	− 7.2	Wichita Falls	− 7.8	− 11.5	− 8.1	− 2.9
Corpus Christi	− 0.7	(3)	+ 4.8	(3)	STATE	− 0.9	+ 3.0	+ 1.2	+ 15.5

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHMENTS[6]

	1942[1]	1943[1]	1944		1942[1]	1943
January	1,170,000	1,385,000	1,429,000[2]	July	1,317,000	1,450,000[1]
February	1,199,000	1,397,000	1,433,000[2]	August	1,352,000	1,441,000[2]
March	1,226,000	1,415,000	1,433,000[2]	September	1,373,000	1,448,000[2]
April	1,222,000	1,433,000	1,435,000[2]	October	1,384,000	1,455,000[2]
May	1,251,000	1,458,000	1,435,000[2]	November	1,389,000	1,461,000[2]
June	1,291,000	1,478,000		December	1,413,700	1,470,000[2]

*Does not include proprietors, firm members, officers of corporations, or other principal executives. Factory employment excludes also office, sales, technical and professional personnel.

(1) Revised.

(2) Subject to revision.

(3) Not available.

(4) Based on unweighted figures.

(5) Less than 1/10 of one per cent.

(6) Not including self-employed persons, casual workers, or domestic servants, and exclusive of military and maritime personnel. These figures are furnished by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Prepared from reports from representative Texas establishments to the Bureau of Business Research coöperating with the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Due to the national emergency, publication of data for certain industries is being withheld until further notice.

JULY RETAIL SALES OF INDEPENDENT STORES IN TEXAS

	Number of Establishments Reporting	Percentage Changes in Dollar Sales: July, 1944 from July, 1943	July, 1944 from June, 1944	Year, 1944 from Year, 1943
TOTAL TEXAS	972	+10.0	− 6.5	+10.5
STORES GROUPED BY LINE OF GOODS CARRIED:				
APPAREL	106	+13.3	−13.6	+11.4
Family Clothing Stores	22	+16.6	− 7.7	+ 8.5
Men's and Boys' Clothing Stores	37	+ 7.5	−25.4	+ 4.2
Shoe Stores	15	+41.4	− 1.9	+ 2.0
Women's Specialty Shops	32	+12.8	− 5.5	+17.3
AUTOMOTIVE*	82	+16.2	+ 5.2	+ 8.0
Motor Vehicle Dealers	74	+17.3	+ 4.7	+ 8.8
GENERAL STORES (With Food)	96	+10.6	+ 1.0	+ 9.7
DEPARTMENT STORES	58	+10.7	−10.3	+13.0
DRUG STORES	105	+ 9.5	+ 5.2	+12.2
DRY GOODS AND GENERAL MERCHANDISE	29	+16.1	− 7.3	+ 8.3
Filling Stations	24	+10.0	+ 5.1	+ 5.2
FLORISTS	19	+24.4	− 6.7	+28.4
FOOD*	132	+ 8.0	− 2.9	+10.9
Grocery Stores	31	+ 4.1	+ 3.6	+ 6.7
Grocery and Meat Stores	94	+ 8.6	− 3.9	+12.1
FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD*	73	− 0.6	− 8.2	− 3.0
Furniture Stores	66	− 0.6	− 9.3	− 1.6
JEWELRY	27	−10.0	− 4.1	+ 2.2
LUMBER, BUILDING, AND HARDWARE*	170	+ 5.5	− 2.1	+ 5.6
Farm Implement Dealers	14	+17.9	− 8.0	+27.0
Hardware Stores	51	+11.9	−10.2	+22.9
Lumber and Building Material Dealers	101	+ 6.1	+ 2.8	− 1.6
RESTAURANTS	32	+ 5.8	†	+13.2
ALL OTHER STORES	9	+ 8.1	+10.9	+ 5.9
TEXAS STORES GROUPED ACCORDING TO POPULATION OF CITY:				
All Stores in Cities of—				
Over 100,000 Population	153	+ 8.8	− 9.8	+12.3
50,000–100,000 Population	134	+ 9.6	− 6.6	+ 7.8
2,500–50,000 Population	452	+11.4	− 2.8	+ 8.7
Less than 2,500 Population	233	+ 5.4	+ 1.0	+13.5

*Group total includes kinds of business other than the classification listed.

†Less than .5%.

Prepared from reports of independent retail stores to the Bureau of Business Research, coöperating with the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

COTTON BALANCE SHEET FOR THE U.S. AS OF AUGUST 1, 1944

Year	Carryover August 1	Gov. Est. as of August 1	Balance August 1
1934–1935	7,746	9,636	17,382
1935–1936	7,208	10,638	17,846
1936–1937	5,397	12,481	17,878
1937–1938	4,498	15,593	20,091
1938–1939	11,593	11,988	23,581
1939–1940	13,033	11,412	24,445
1940–1941	10,596	11,429	22,025
1941–1942	12,376	10,817	23,193
1942–1943	10,590	13,085	23,675
1943–1944	10,687	12,558	23,183
1944–1945	10,727	11,022	21,749

CEMENT

(In Thousands of Barrels)

	June, 1944	June, 1943	May, 1944	July, 1944	July, 1943
Texas Plants					
Production	454	866	541	530	832
Shipments	579	865	512	575	778
Stocks	888	706	1,014	843	760
United States					
Production	7,906	11,895	7,181	8,516	11,880
Shipments	9,350	12,702	8,784	9,377	12,411
Stocks	21,011	22,084	22,477	20,147	21,536
Capacity Operated	40.0%	58.0%	35.0%	41.0%	56.0%

NOTE: From U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Mines.

DAIRY PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED IN PLANTS IN TEXAS

Product and Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
CREAMERY BUTTER (1000 lb.)													
1944*	2,043	2,126	2,765	3,535	4,008	3,527	3,569						
1943*	2,636	2,743	3,076	3,652	4,544	4,120	4,363	3,452	2,629	2,581	2,236	1,924	38,071
1930–39 average	2,074	2,109	2,392	3,138	3,556	3,166	4,113	2,867	2,513	2,608	2,301	2,211	32,048
ICE CREAM (1000 gal.)‡													
1944*	1,115	1,211	1,520	1,687	2,491	2,944	3,200						
1943*	1,125	1,187	1,396	1,770	2,302	2,478	2,778	2,763	1,990	1,622	1,443	940	22,237
1930–39 average	215	262	434	570	752	893	904	845	686	460	259	205	6,486
AMERICAN CHEESE (1000 lb.)													
1944*	902	956	1,229	1,884	2,273	2,159	2,076						
1943*	914	948	1,068	1,594	2,010	1,866	1,782	1,405	1,019	819	621	809	15,272
1930–39 average	554	590	737	1,050	1,215	1,129	1,119	1,025	866	852	718	641	10,496
MILK EQUIVALENT OF DAIRY PRODUCTS† (1000 lb.)													
1944*	67,873	71,519	92,663	119,889	144,977	137,502	140,357						
1943*	80,106	83,301	94,470	118,447	149,577	139,948	147,397	124,558	93,186	85,084	73,290	62,253	1,291,709
1930–39 average	54,675	57,139	67,456	89,641	104,323	97,562	97,075	89,185	76,165	73,444	60,119	55,872	922,656

*Estimates of production made by the Bureau of Business Research.
†Milk Equivalent of Dairy products was calculated from production data by the Bureau of Business Research.
‡Includes ice cream, sherbets, ices, etc.
NOTE: 10-year average production on creamery butter, ice cream and American cheese based on data from the Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S.D.A.

JULY, 1944, CARLOAD MOVEMENTS OF POULTRY AND EGGS

*Destination	Cars of Poultry: Chickens 1944	Chickens 1943	Turkeys 1944	Turkeys 1943	Cars of Eggs: Shell 1944	Shell 1943	Frozen 1944	Frozen 1943	Dried 1944	Dried 1943	Shell Equivalent† 1944	Shell Equivalent† 1943
Shipments from Texas Stations												
TOTAL	49	10	4	5	83	24	111	58	98	88	1,089	844
Intrastate	11	1	2	0	54	21	36	22	31	9	374	137
Interstate	38	9	2	5	29	3	75	36	67	79	715	707
Receipts at Texas Stations												
TOTAL	20	3	1	0	173	20	39	20	5	16	291	188
Intrastate	13	1	1	0	50	10	28	16	3	15	130	162
Interstate	7	2	0	0	23	10	11	4	2	1	161	26

*The destination above is the first destination as shown by the original waybill. Changes in destination brought about by diversion factors are not shown.
†Dried eggs and frozen eggs are converted to a shell egg equivalent on the following basis: 1 rail carload of dried eggs=8 carloads of shell eggs, and 1 carload of frozen eggs=2 carloads of shell eggs.
NOTE: These data furnished to the Division of Agricultural Statistics, B. A. E., by railroad officials through agents at all stations which originate and receive carload shipments of poultry and eggs. The data are compiled by the Bureau of Business Research.

SHIPMENTS OF LIVE STOCK CONVERTED TO A RAIL-CAR BASIS*

	Cattle 1944	Cattle 1943	Calves 1944	Calves 1943	Swine 1944	Swine 1943	Sheep 1944	Sheep 1943	Total 1944	Total 1943
Total Interstate Plus Fort Worth	4,427	2,766	904	601	900	1,327	1,645	1,352	7,876	6,046
Total Intrastate Omitting Fort Worth	305	376	58	133	29	71	139	91	531	671
TOTAL SHIPMENTS	4,732	3,142	962	734	929	1,398	1,784	1,443	8,407	6,717

TEXAS CAR-LOT* SHIPMENTS OF LIVE STOCK FOR YEAR TO DATE

	Cattle 1944	Cattle 1943	Calves 1944	Calves 1943	Swine 1944	Swine 1943	Sheep 1944	Sheep 1943	Total 1944	Total 1943
Total Interstate Plus Fort Worth	32,016	35,592	5,064	4,368	10,663	10,174	8,860	6,812	56,603	56,946
Total Intrastate Omitting Fort Worth	4,390	5,325	827	1,308	680	468	634	394	6,531	7,495
TOTAL SHIPMENTS	36,406	40,917	5,891	5,676	11,343	10,642	9,494	7,206	63,134	64,441

*Rail-car Basis: Cattle, 30 head per car; calves, 60; swine, 80; and sheep, 250.
Fort Worth shipments are combined with interstate forwardings in order that the bulk of market disappearance for the month may be shown.
NOTE: These data are furnished the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics by railway officials through more than 2,500 station agents, representing every livestock shipping point in the state. The data are compiled by the Bureau of Business Research.

PETROLEUM

Daily Average Production (In Barrels)

	July, 1944	July, 1943	June, 1944
Coastal Texas*	513,400	412,900	527,200
East Central Texas	148,400	128,000	143,900
East Texas	363,600	371,000	361,100
North Texas	151,600	137,700	149,100
Panhandle	89,200	90,400	92,000
Southwest Texas	319,800	230,000	312,100
West Texas	463,000	245,600	445,200
STATE	2,067,300	1,615,600	2,030,600
UNITED STATES	4,601,300	4,111,350	4,549,200

Gasoline sales as indicated by taxes collected by the State Comptroller were: June, 1944, 120,961,675 gallons; June, 1943, 119,626,772 gallons; May, 1944, 110,971,724 gallons.

June sales of gasoline to the United States government as reported by motor fuel distributors in Texas were 247,016,450 gallons.

*Includes Conroe.

NOTE: From American Petroleum Institute. See accompanying map showing the oil producing districts of Texas.

PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRIC POWER

	July, 1944 from July, 1943	July, 1944 from June, 1944
Commercial	+ 7.0	+ 22.2
Industrial	+ 22.2	+ 5.3
Residential	+ 6.4	+ 6.5
All Others	− 21.1	− 4.1
TOTAL	+ 7.9	+ 6.2

Prepared from reports of 10 electric power companies to the Bureau of Business Research.

JULY RETAIL SALES OF INDEPENDENT STORES IN TEXAS

(By Districts)

	Number of Establishments Reporting	Percentage Changes: July, 1944 from July, 1943	July, 1944 from June, 1944	Year, 1944 from Year, 1943
TOTAL TEXAS	972	+ 10.0	− 6.5	+ 10.5
TEXAS STORES GROUPED BY PRODUCING AREAS				
District 1-N	65	+ 20.2	− 1.3	+ 8.3
Amarillo	24	+ 18.3	+ 7.3	
Plainview	11	+ 11.6	+ 7.4	
All Others	30	+ 24.5	− 9.5	
District 1-S	28	+ 32.2	+ 8.8	+ 10.2
Lubbock	17	+ 35.0	+ 9.0	
All Others	11	+ 24.3	+ 8.4	
District 2	75	− 3.5	− 3.4	− 1.0
District 3	31	+ 14.7	− 2.5	+ 12.5
District 4	225	+ 6.2	− 8.8	+ 13.2
Dallas	30	+ 11.3	− 15.1	
Fort Worth	27	− 3.3	− 8.0	
Waco	29	+ 12.7	− 6.1	
All Others	139	+ 6.0	*	
District 5	107	+ 7.1	− 6.1	+ 10.5
District 6	39	+ 17.9	− 4.8	+ 15.0
District 7	46	+ 15.7	− 6.9	+ 15.0
District 8	174	+ 8.2	− 6.2	+ 5.9
Corpus Christi	26	+ 1.5	+ 0.7	
All Others	148	+ 9.3	− 7.2	
District 9	112	+ 10.9	− 9.3	+ 9.4
Houston	47	+ 13.0	− 9.1	
All Others	65	+ 7.0	− 9.8	
District 10	25	+ 26.2	+ 4.8	+ 14.3
District 10-A	45	+ 11.4	− 1.0	+ 14.7

*Change of less than .5%.

NOTE: Prepared from reports of independent retail stores to the Bureau of Business Research, cooperating with the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

COMMODITY PRICES

	July, 1944	July, 1943	June, 1944
Wholesale Prices:			
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (1926=100%)	104.1	103.2	104.3
Farm Prices:			
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (1926=100%)	124.1	125.0	125.0
Retail Prices:			
Food (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (1935-1939=100%	137.4	139.0	135.7*
Department Stores (Fairchild's Publications January, 1931=100%)	†	113.0	113.4
Cost of Living Index (1935-1939 =100%)	126.1	123.9	125.4

*Revised.
†Not available.

BUILDING PERMITS

	July, 1944	July, 1943	June, 1944
Abilene	$ 10,990	$ 11,699	$ 70,005
Amarillo	102,102	36,092	200,070
Austin	76,119	23,401	106,082
Beaumont	34,758	62,188	60,516
Big Spring	55,605	8,079	14,370
Brownsville	10,329	4,141	13,630
Brownwood	5,300	2,100	18,454
Corpus Christi	177,223	1,385,766	379,140
Corsicana	1,260	9,856	150
Dallas	465,131	634,918	641,018
Del Rio	4,865	12,695	7,430
Denton	800	825	1,200
Edinburg	2,361	510	11,275
El Paso	201,608	55,967	175,812
Fort Worth	225,874	453,514	252,069
Gladewater	3,490	800	2,500
Graham	7,226	3,105	0
Harlingen	123,625	785	4,350
*Houston	718,187	364,225	2,234,900
Jacksonville	1,975	0	8,500
Kenedy	1,500	450	1,600
Kerrville	980	0	4,927
Longview	3,160	51,210	3,780
Lubbock	328,956	31,427	102,939
McAllen	12,575	2,825	44,605
Marshall	11,120	6,215	9,153
Midland	74,481	800	155,663
New Braunfels	1,646	295	5,272
Palestine	1,850	3,535	700
Paris	13,685	6,865	13,996
Plainview	3,781	15,100	2,640
Port Arthur	37,846	16,351	21,581
San Antonio	344,307	320,913	243,385
Sherman	8,050	12,186	8,066
Snyder	0	0	0
Sweetwater	7,025	1,580	3,070
Texarkana	16,900	3,665	19,750
Tyler	33,896	15,810	26,185
Waco	63,111	93,175	295,176
Wichita Falls	17,973	17,220	16,917
TOTAL	$3,211,670	$3,670,318	$5,180,876

*Corrected January to June inclusive, 1944, 5,016,707; January to June inclusive, 1943, 4,904,380.

NOTE: Compiled from reports from Texas chambers of commerce to the Bureau of Business Research.

POSTAL RECEIPTS

	July, 1944	July, 1943	June, 1944
Abilene	$ 47,536	$ 37,487	$ 44,683
Amarillo	427,417	51,347	56,016
Austin	101,844	96,681	95,851
Beaumont	48,039	43,627	49,161
Big Spring	10,257	9,768	11,203
Brownsville	12,908	10,553	11,849
Brownwood	22,302	27,302	26,109
Childress	5,650	4,875	5,569
Coleman	4,696	3,677	4,581
Corpus Christi	68,194	57,183	61,895
Corsicana	11,181	9,331	9,865
Dallas	529,162	442,686	540,123
Del Rio	7,035	6,461	7,083
Denison	10,748	8,456	9,763
Denton	10,842†	*	10,449†
Edinburg	4,398	3,731	3,765
El Paso	93,304	81,330	99,292
Fort Worth	231,763	196,675	235,124
Galveston	49,947	43,235	52,339
Gladewater	4,464	3,860	3,835
Graham	3,680	2,919	3,149
Harlingen	13,652	10,225	14,151
Houston	386,397	314,663	390,657
Jacksonville	5,451	4,917	5,588
Kenedy	2,665	2,357	2,358
Kerrville	5,125	4,259	2,843
Longview	15,696	10,741	13,931
Lubbock	35,548	29,374	33,892
Lufkin	7,995	6,393	7,591
McAllen	7,543	6,357	7,508
Marshall	11,370	9,214	10,548
Palestine	7,935	6,519	8,977
Pampa	11,925†	9,251†	*
Paris	24,119	18,481	20,982
Plainview	5,533	5,105	5,754
Port Arthur	27,153	22,900	25,420
San Angelo	22,996	19,430	21,683
San Antonio	249,432	233,728	251,941
Texarkana	28,381	22,011	32,660
Sherman	13,334	10,422	12,322
Snyder	2,299	2,046	2,399
Sweetwater	8,599	7,565	7,907
Temple	14,948	14,252	15,496
Tyler	30,334	23,933	29,660
Waco	51,749	43,762	54,567
Wichita Falls	41,326	44,150	39,280
TOTAL	$2,726,030	$2,023,239	$2,349,370

*Not available.

†Not included in total.

NOTE: Compiled from reports from Texas chambers of commerce to the Bureau of Business Research.

LUMBER

(In Board Feet)

	July, 1944	July, 1943	June, 1944
Southern Pine Mills:			
Average Weekly Production per unit	209,308	245,669	212,385
Average Weekly Shipments per unit	225,720	255,593	214,338
Average Unfilled Orders per unit, end of month	1,444,054	1,264,136	1,518,598

NOTE: From Southern Pine Association.

TEXAS COMMERCIAL FAILURES

	July, 1944	July, 1943	June, 1944
Number	1	0	0
Liabilities*	$8	0	0
Assets*	6	0	0
Average Liabilities per Failure*	8	0	0

*In thousands.

NOTE: From Dunn and Bradstreet, Inc.